## CLAIMS.

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- 1. A method for preparing a dissolved catalyst component comprising the steps of:
  - a) providing a halogenated precursor component of formula (I)

$$-X-[-CH_2-]-$$
 (I)

- reacting the halogenated precursor with an ionic liquid precursor in a solvent to prepare an ionic liquid;
- c) mixing in a solvent one equivalent of the ionic liquid prepared in step b) with a metallic complex of formula (II)

$$L_2MY_2$$
 (II)

wherein L is a coordinating ligand for the metallic site, said coordination being achieved by phosphorus, nitrogen or oxygen;

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d) evaporating the solvent; and

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- e) retrieving a hybrid single site catalyst component/ionic liquid system.
- The method of claim 1 wherein the ionic liquid precursor is N -alkylimidazolium or pyridinium.
  - 3. The method of claim 1 or claim 2 wherein between step b) and step c), the reaction product of step b) is reacted with an ionic compound C <sup>+</sup>A<sup>-</sup>, wherein C<sup>+</sup> is a cation selected from K <sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, and A<sup>-</sup> is an anion selected from PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>, SbF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>, BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, (CF<sub>3</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>N<sup>-</sup>, ClO4<sup>-</sup>, CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> or CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>.
  - 4. The method of any one of the preceding cla ims wherein the solvent used in steps b) and step c) is selected from THF, CH <sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> or CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

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- 5. A hybrid organometallic complex/ionic liquid system obtainable by the method of any one of claims 1 to 4.
- 6. A hybrid catalyst system comprising the hybrid organomet allic complex/ionic liquid system of claim 5 and an activating agent.
- 7. The hybrid catalyst system of claim 6 wherein the activating agent is methylaluminoxane and wherein Y is a halogen.
- The hybrid catalyst system of claim 7 wherein the amount of methylaluminoxane is such that the Al/M ratio is of from 100 to 1000.
  - 9. A method for homopolymerising or copolymerising alpha -olefins that comprises the steps of:
- a) heterogenising the hybrid catalyst system of any one of claims 6 to 8 by addition of an apolar solvent;
  - b) injecting into the reactor an apolar solvent and the heterogenised catalyst system of step a)
  - c) injecting the monomer and optional comonomer into the reactor;
- 20 d) maintaining under polymerisation conditions;
  - e) retrieving the polymer under the form of chips or bl ocks.
  - 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the apolar solvent is n -heptane.
- 25 11. The method of claim 9 or claim 10 wherein the monomer is ethylene or propylene.
  - 12. A polymer having particle sizes of at least 0.5 mm obtainable by the process of any one of claims 9 to 1 1.

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